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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: Amy Klusmeier, Weatherization Assistance Program, Innovation Manager

SUBJECT: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) WAP Enhancement & Innovation Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0002912)

TO: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grantees, Subgrantees and Training Centers

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) has issued a \$25 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "BIL WAP Enhancement & Innovation," with a maximum award amount of \$2 million, in support of section 40551 of the <u>Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021</u>, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The FOA is available on the <u>Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange</u>.

Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, authorizes DOE to administer WAP (42 U.S.C.§ 6861, et. seq.). The Enhancement & Innovation (E&I) Program is governed by <u>42 U.S.C. 6861d</u> and is funded on an annual basis by Congress through WAP appropriation. Eligible entities include existing WAP Grantees, WAP Subgrantees, and other nonprofit entities. The period of performance for each award is three (3) years.

This FOA seeks applications to expand the impact of DOE's existing residential weatherization programs by utilizing leveraged resources and enhanced community partnerships to perform deep energy retrofits of low-income residential buildings and empower local community representation within the energy workforce. DOE seeks proposals that drive innovative approaches to program coordination and service delivery, while fostering the collaboration of dynamic and diverse teams.

These awards will enable deep energy retrofits of low-income housing in three (3) topic areas:

- 1) Multifamily Housing;
- 2) Single family and Manufactured Housing;
- 3) Workforce Development.

Applicants are encouraged to use awarded BIL E&I funds in conjunction with DOE WAP formula awards and other funding sources to deploy demonstration projects that have potential to be scaled nationally, enhance the benefits realized by underserved communities, and ensure an equitable transition to a clean-energy economy.

The activities to be funded under this FOA support <u>BIL Section 40551</u> and the broader government-wide approach to deploy demonstration projects that maximize the benefits of the clean energy transition as the nation works to curb the climate crisis, empower workers, and advance environmental justice.

Concept Paper Submission Deadline: 08/31/2023 5:00 PM ET Full Application Submission Deadline: 01/05/2024 5:00 PM ET

An optional, <u>informational webinar</u> will be held on 7/20/2023 from 2-3 pm ET. The webinar will solely discuss information contained in the FOA—no new information will be shared. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the <u>Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange</u>.

Additional information is available on the <u>Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange</u> and the <u>WAP Innovation Webpage</u>. A <u>FOA Quick Guide</u> has been developed to assist potential applicants with easily determining eligibility and submittal requirements.

Questions regarding the BIL WAP E&I FOA should be directed to Weatherization.Innovation@hq.doe.gov.

